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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 163459 ACTION GUATEMALA SAN SALVADOR TEGUCIGALPA SANTIAGO INFO MEXICO USUN DTD 11 JUL

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 163459

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, EFIS

SUBJECT: LOS:EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA INITIATIVE

REFERENCE: STATE 139420

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVT FISHERIES AND LOS OFFICIALS TO INFORM THEM U.S. IS INITIATING CONSULATIONS WITH STATES INTERESTED IN EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA FISHERY WITH A VIEW TO ARRANGING LOS INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING IN SEPT IN NEW YORK DURING UNGA TO ATTEMPT ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT ON ACCEPTABLE LOS HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ARTICLE BASED ON ARTICLE 53 OF SINGLE TEXT AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO DISCUSS DETAILED PROVISIONS FOR EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD ASSURE HOST GOVT OFFICIALS WE

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WOULD WELCOME THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SEPT MEETING
AND ADVISE THEM U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED
OF OUR THINKING ON WHAT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED AT THE MEETING.
WE WOULD WELCOME ANY IDEAS OF HOST GOVT ON PROPOSED
MEETING AND, SPECIFICALLY, WHO MIGHT CHAIR MEETING. U.S.
FEELS IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR U.S. T CHAIRM MEETING AND
BELIEVES SOMEONE FROM A COUNTRY NOT DIRECTLY INTERESTED
IN EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA FISHERY BUT WHO KNOWLEDGEABLE
ABOUT LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND TUNA AND HAS CONFIDENCE OF
STATES INVOLVED SHOULD BE RECRUITED.

3. FOR GUATEMALA, SAN SALVADOR AND TEGUCIGALPA. HOST
GOVTS ARE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY INVOLVED IN TUNA FISHING
AT PRESENT AND ARE NOT MEMBERS OF CURRENT REGIONAL
CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION (INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA
COMMISSION-IATTC). HOWEVER, AS THEY ARE STATES OF
REGION AND SOME TUNA IS CAUGHT OFF THEIR COASTS, WE BELIEVE
THEIR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF THEY ARE
INTERESTED.

4. FOR SANTIAGO. CHILE IS NEITHER A MEMBER OF THE
IATTC NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE
REGIONAL TUNA FISHERY. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE IT
PRESUMABLY WOULD BE CONSIDERED A STATE OF THE REGION
AND BECAUSE OF ITS CEP ALIGNMENT WITH ECUADOR AND PERU,
IT WOULD BE A WELCOME PARTICIPANT IN THIS REGIONAL
INITIATIVE AS FARE AS U.S. CONCERNED IF IT SHOULD WISH TO
DO SO. (SANTIAGO 4696 MAKES IT SEEM LIKELY GOC WOULD BE
SO INCLINED.)

5. FOR BACKGROUND, REFER TO REFTEL FOR MORE DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF THIS INITIATIVE. IF ASK DO WE CONSIDER TO
BE INTERESTED STATES OF REGION, YOU MAY SITE REFTEL ADD-
RESSEES PLUS GUATEMALA WHICH INADVERTANTLY WAS OMITTED.

6. PLEASE REPORT PROMPTLY ANY RESPONSE BY HOST GOVT.
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